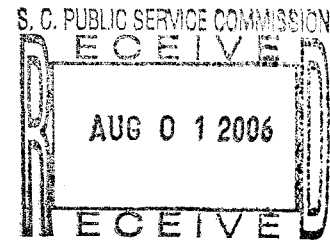




**Piedmont
Natural Gas**



July 25, 2006

Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
PO Box 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Posting Notice for Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 58-9-260(6)(a)(v)-(viii), Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("PNG") respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina post the attached "Notice of Request for Allowable Ex Parte Briefing" on its web-site no later than Friday, August 25th, 2006. PNG has confirmed that the Commissioners and Commission employees identified in the attached Notice, as well as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff and his designee, are available and willing to attend the Briefing described in the attached Notice.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With kind regards,

Jane Lewis-Raymond
VP – General Counsel, Corporate Secretary
& Chief Compliance Officer

Attachment

cc: Mr. C. Dukes Scott
Nanette Edwards, Esq.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE BRIEFING

Pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 58-9-260(6)(a)(v)-(viii), the Public Service Commission of South Carolina hereby provides the following notice of a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing:

Person or Party Requesting the Briefing: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Jane Lewis-Raymond
VP, Gen Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer
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Date and Time of the Proposed Briefing: September 6, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners and Commission Employees Requested to Attend Briefing:

Commissioner G.O. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman
Commissioner C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Randy Mitchell
Commissioner John E. Howard
Commissioner David A. Wright
Commissioner Elizabeth B. Fleming
Commissioner Mignon L. Clyburn

Commission Staff Members: Charles Terreni, Jocelyn Boyd, David Butler

Commission Staff Advisors: James Spearman

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Jay Jashinsky, ORS

Subject Matter to be Discussed at Briefing:

Piedmont Natural Gas Management Reorganization Initiative, Customer Service Commitments, and Gas Price Projections for Upcoming Winter